

AGENDA: May 25, 2004

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: Amendment No. 1 to the County-Wide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agency Agreement with the County of Santa Clara for the County-Wide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Program funding is included in the City's Solid Waste budget in the form of an additional tip fee charged on each ton of waste generated from Mountain View properties landfilled in Santa Clara County. The County program targets 3 percent of households in each City. However, in the past, the City Council has augmented funding to support actual participation by City residents, which typically averages 4 percent to 5 percent. The augmentation is included in the City's Solid Waste budget.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City is required, under provisions of the California Integrated Waste Management Act, to implement and administer source reduction and recycling programs and provide a way for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste.

The City has participated in the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program and Implementation Fee Agreements since 1991 to satisfy these requirements, and funds a participation level of at least 3 percent of City households. The most recent agreement was approved by the City Council on May 27, 2003 for the term of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006.

The proposed amendment (Attachment 1) allows cities to augment funding beyond the targeted 3 percent of City households to meet actual participation. Since 2001, the City Council has approved augmented funding each fiscal year to serve 4 percent to 5 percent of City households because the program was so successful. The proposed amendment includes a \$12,500 augmentation to meet actual participation, and is included in the Solid Waste budget.

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The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program is a successful, cooperative effort between the County and cities to provide legal, convenient and economical services for residents to dispose of paints, pesticides, fluorescent lights, propane tanks, automotive fluids and batteries. Residents may call the County HHW hotline at (408) 299-7300 to schedule an appointment at a permanent disposal facility anytime during the year, or to obtain information about safe, alternative nontoxic products. The closest facility to Mountain View is next to the SMaRT Station® in Sunnyvale. The County coordinates public outreach while the City advertises the program services in the Resource newsletter and in flyers hand-delivered by Foothill Disposal to each household.

ALTERNATIVE

The Council could decide not to augment funding, but it would result in HHW being disposed in refuse or abandoned along roadways as in the past.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. First Amendment to the Agency Agreement for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

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